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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Shi-You Ding, et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	09/917,383	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
Filed:	July 28, 2001	Docket No.:	NREL 01-37
Title:	THERMAL TOLERANT MULTI-DOMAIN CELLULASE FROM ACIDOTHERMUS CELLULOLYTICUS		

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

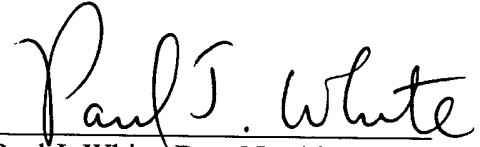
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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